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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:
The International Secretariat has been informed, by reliable sources, of the threat of reprisals following a demonstration in support of Bishop Belo in Dili on 25 November 1996. Up to seven youths have been arbitrarily detained for their alleged involvement in the demonstration and it is believed that they have been detained solely for the peaceful expression of their views (see also **case IDN/TMP 061296).**

It is feared that further arbitrary arrests may take place. After the demonstration, members of the Indonesian Intelligence (INTEL) have been looking for **Anibal XIMENES** from Kintal Bo'ot in Dili. It is believed that he is being sought for his alleged involvement in the demonstration. Early in the morning of 26 November 1996, INTEL agents allegedly attacked **Anibal XIMENES** house and punched and beat his brother, sisters, parents and other members of his family. They were accused of hiding **Anibal XIMENES** and they are now being pressured to inform the authorities of his whereabouts. It is believed there will be further interrogations the risk of torture if they cannot do so.

Anibal XIMENES is an ex-prisoner who was detained at the Indonesian Intelligence Unit (SGI) in Dili in December 1991 and was released after 5 months. He has been persecuted by the Indonesian Military and Intelligence since that time. His whereabouts is presently unknown.

Action requested :
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of the family of **Anibal XIMENES** and immediately cease the harassment of his family;

ii. provide the names of the people who have already been detained following the 25 November demonstration in Dili and order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii. ensure that no further arrests are made in relation to the peaceful demonstration which took place in Dili on 25 November 1996.

iv. guarantee in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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